

leaving to work for the House Budget Committee as General Counsel in 2007.

As Counsel to both the House and Senate Budget Committees, Ms. Millar has been dedicated to the proper interpretation of the law, the drafting of bills and amendments, and the development of important concepts related to those laws.

Throughout her public service, she has fearlessly advocated to preserve the integrity of the budget process and the principles of the House and Senate.

For all of the outstanding work she has done in her 32-year career, her greatest accomplishments and her proudest achievements are her two children, Joe and Jeanne.

We deeply appreciate Gail Millar's long service to Congress and to the Executive Branch, which has been manifested in so many ways and in so many roles. We will truly miss the wisdom that she brings to her work. We wish her the best in her retirement and in her new opportunity to spend more time with her family and friends.

TRIBUTE TO ERNESTINE CORNETT

HON. HAROLD ROGERS

OF KENTUCKY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mr. ROGERS of Kentucky. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to pay tribute to Ernestine Cornett, in honor of her retirement after dedicating nearly 30 years to WYMT-TV, a CBS-affiliate in Hazard, Kentucky, providing continuous news coverage and serving as a tireless ambassador for southern and eastern Kentucky.

With Ernestine Cornett at the helm of WYMT as General Manager, hundreds of thousands of families gained access to local, live-remote news coverage in southern and eastern Kentucky with the station's first satellite truck. Over the years, WYMT-TV has also answered the call for more than news coverage. To promote higher attainment rates for college degrees, Ernestine led the way for thousands of students in the region to gain access to college scholarships through fundraising efforts by the station. In the midst of flooding, tornadoes and other natural disasters, the station has provided staff and airtime for numerous telethons to raise money to give back to families and communities in dire need. During the holidays, WYMT also promotes food and donation drives to make sure the less fortunate have something to celebrate.

Ernestine Cornett is also a model for women in business in rural communities. Starting in the commercial traffic department at WYMT more than two decades ago, Ernestine worked her way up the ladder to general manager in 1990 through her loyalty to the region, integrity in decision-making, her astute leadership, and pure hard work. The station's call letters, WYMT, stand for "We're Your Mountain Television" and it's Ernestine's passion for connecting and improving the region that have served as hallmarks for the station's mission.

Mr. Speaker, I ask my colleagues to join me in honoring a leader and dear friend of southern and eastern Kentucky, Ernestine Cornett, on her retirement. My wife, Cynthia and I wish Ernestine and her family all the best in the years to come.

PERSONAL EXPLANATION

HON. CAROLYN MCCARTHY

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York. Mr. Speaker, I was unavoidably absent for a vote on June 26th 2012. Had I been present, I would have voted in the following manner:

Rollcall No. 416—On Agreeing to the Amendment (Connolly of Virginia Amendment) "yes."

CONGRATULATING THE MIAMI HEAT

HON. FREDERICA S. WILSON

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Friday, June 29, 2012

Ms. WILSON of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to congratulate the Miami Heat on its 2011–2012 National Basketball Association (NBA) Championship. The Miami Heat's journey to its second championship is a testament to teamwork and selflessness. In honor of their remarkable season and leadership in my community, I submit the following poem, written by Albert Carey Caswell.

THE HEAT IS ON,

FEEL . . . FEEL THE HEAT!

IN HONOR OF THE WORLD CHAMPIONS
THE MIAMI HEAT

THE HEAT IS ON, FEEL . . . FEEL THE HEAT!

(By Albert Carey Caswell)

THUNDER and HEAT!

When two forces of nature so meet!

But only one can so hold that title so very sweet?

As World Champions, as out into a future which so speaks!

Feel . . . Feel The Heat!

"WADE" a minute, your over your head . . . so very deep!

Something so fast and so furious that no one can beat!

Like a Category 5 Hurricane coming at you, up from the beach!

You better get your children inside, because this title is so out of reach!

Feel! Feel The Heat!

It begins . . . with a little boy with a ball in hand. . .

As into the wee hours of the night he now so stands . . .

Shot after shot, rebound after rebound, as he takes command!

Dreaming that Dream, that once so began!

To walk upon that hardwood, and so see and so feel the crowd . . .

To play in the NBA, all of those sights and so sounds!

As it all so begins with that first basketball, The Round!

Pee wee leagues, elementary, pick up games, middle and high school ball!

And just maybe a college so comes to call . . .

And then The Pro's, The Greatest of All!

Oh how I wonder, if all of this Dr. Naismith saw?

And for many, this dream but so gives them that chance!

To leave a life of heartache and poverty, and to so advance!

To go to March Madness, and The Big Dance . . .

And to get an education, and have a life and make future plans!

And yet still for some, even greater dreams may so advance!

To play in The NBA!

And then the greatest of all of them,

That One Golden Chance!

To be a World Champion,

and wear that crown and ring and so dance!

And so reside at The Top of Round Ball,

oh what a romance!

That of a World Champion, to so take that most lofty stance!

For only a very few will ever be in such a circumstance!

For these are sheer men of might!

Who fly through the air almost at the speed of light!

Who jump high above those backboards all on game night!

With such catlike reflexes and speed, to the crowds to ignite!

Even Spider Man could learn lessons from them all about flight!

The ones who can shoot the eyes out of basket going left or right!

And who will wear this most hallowed crown, so very bright?

And earn that great title of World Champions, this night!

THUNDER AND HEAT!

When two forces of nature on the hardwood so meet!

Something's got to give, THUNDER AND HEAT!

And after last year's loss they had down graded, The Heat!

But, this year's version . . . according to The Book of King James, "hunt it . . . hunt it" was ready to compete!

As they took that loss and planted it all in their hearts so very deep!

As day in and day out they so strived for that title to seek!

AS THE THREE AVENGERS AND THE TEAM,

ALL CAME TOGETHER AT WARP SPEED!

THE BIG THREE, WHAT HELL TRULY CAN BE!

Melding into a perfect storm, in the NBA to create such havoc, to reek!

Making grown men so weep!

AS IT WAS JUDGEMENT DAY!

AS THIS TIME THEY WERE PLAYING FOR KEEPS!

A New Kid in town, Durant and his Thunder at the OK Corral!

When, The James Gang came riding into town!

Two of the best ball slingers in the NBA to be found!

But they were ambushed in game one, as The Heat went down!

As Dwayne said "WADE, A MINUTE . . . WADE A MINUTE NOW!"

And King James said, "its' not OK, we're going to be wearing that crown!"

And he said, "you won't get this title sooner, much later now!"

And BOSH, put it into high gear . . . high performance so now!

As The Heat evened the series, and cried that me to Miami. . . were heading South!

As it was Mano v Mano,

LeBron and Durant who would so bow?

Even Spider Man wishes he could be like LeBron,

someway. . . or somehow!

Maybe if he goes to his basketball camp, King James will show him just how!

A question asked, "did LeBron, really turn that role of Spider Man down?"

As the next three games, were all so insane. . .

As THE HEAT said feel my pain!
With a wave of DEFENSE, that washed The Thunder out!

As this Hurricane's intensity grew so, and how!